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SUBJECT: CANAL NEGOTIATIONS: MEDIA REACTION

1. RADIO AND TELEVISION COVERAGE OF DEPARTURE OF U.S. NEGOTIATORS HAS SO FAR BEEN LIGHT. GOP SO FAR HAS NOT RELEASED ANY OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ON NEGOTIATION ROUND. MOST REPORTS CENTER ON U.S. NEGOTIATORS' PRESS STATEMENT RELEASED THIS MORNING. WHILE SOME COVERAGE HAS GIVEN STRAIGHT RECOUNTING OF THAT PRESS STATEMENT, AN RPC TELEVISION BROADCAST GARBLED "SOME PROGRESS" INTO "LITTLE PROGRESS", AND "MAJOR PROBLEMS" INTO "THE MAIN PROBLEMS".

2. AN ACAN-EFE STORY, AGAIN CARRIED ON RPC TV STATED THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOP TOLD ACAN CORRESPONDENT "THAT THE PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATORS WERE ANGRY OVER THE FEW CHANGES (POCA VARIACION) MADE IN THE U.S. POSITION," DESPITE DESIRES OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE FOR A NEW TREATY. CORRESPONDENT, BUT NO GOP SPOKESMAN, ENDING BY SAYING "THE POSSIBILITY OF A QUICK TREATY SEEMED MORE REMOTE TODAY THAN EVER".

3. FEB. 23 AFTERNOON PAPERS (PAPERS DID NOT PUBLISH YESTERDAY OR THIS MORNING) FRONT-PAGED HEADLINES: "STILL NO SOLUTION TO UNCLASSIFIED

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MAIN PROBLEMS". ARTICLE PRINTED U.S. STATEMENT AND ADDED THAT FROM ITS SHORTNESS "ONE CAN ANTICIPATE THAT ADEQUATE DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO U.S. PRESENCE IN CANAL AREA BEYOND THE YEAR 2000, PRESENCE OF U.S. BASES, AND CANAL NEUTRALITY HAVE NOT BEEN REACHED". ARTICLE ALSO QUOTED FROM MIAMI HERALD ARTICLE ON AMB. LINOWITZ' ALLEGED POSSIBLE "CONFLICT OF INTEREST".

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